

Join Us on April 5, 2016!

Every day, in tribal communities across America, national service is tackling tough problems and strengthening communities. On April 5, 2016, tribal leaders across the country will thank those who serve and recognize their impact on the **Tribal Leader Recognition Day for National Service**.

Tribal governments are increasingly turning to national service as a cost-effective strategy to address local challenges. By unleashing the power of citizens, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps programs have a positive and lasting impact, making our communities better places to live.

To register to participate, please visit
NationalService.gov/TribalRecognitionDay.

TRIBAL LEADER Recognition Day for National Service



National Service: A Local Resource

As the federal agency for national service and volunteering, CNCS annually engages five million citizens in service at more than 60,000 sites across the country. Through AmeriCorps (including VISTA and NCCC), Senior Corps (including Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and RSVP), the Social Innovation Fund, and other programs, CNCS leverages federal and private funds to support organizations that achieve measurable results where the need is greatest. Whether supporting food banks, preserving tribal language and culture, restoring parks, providing health services, strengthening public safety and juvenile justice services, tutoring and mentoring students, and managing community volunteers, national service members help tribal leaders tackle tough problems.

Why a Tribal Recognition Day?

Tribal governments have a broad range of responsibilities to their residents, which matches CNCS's mission to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement. A coordinated recognition day presents a unique opportunity to spotlight the key role that national service plays in helping communities solve problems. Participating in the day will highlight the impact of citizen service, show support for nonprofit and national service groups, and inspire more residents to serve in their communities.

What Happened Last Year?

Over the last three years, mayors, county officials, and tribal leaders across the country joined together to spotlight the impact of national service and honor those who serve. Altogether, 2,786 officials in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, Guam, and Puerto Rico officially recognized the work that AmeriCorps members and Senior Corps volunteers are doing to make cities better and stronger. Together, these officials represent more than 150 million citizens, or nearly half of the population.

What are the Goals of the Day?

- Highlight how tribal communities use national service to solve their local challenges
- Thank national service members for their commitment and impact
- Build public awareness about the value and impact of national service to tribal communities
- Highlight the role that national service plays in managing volunteers to focus and amplify their impact
- Provide opportunities for tribal leaders to communicate about the impact of national service to national policymakers
- Generate press coverage and online discussion about tribal leaders supporting service

Who Can Participate?

Tribal government leaders from federally recognized or state recognized tribes, and Alaska native communities.

How Can We Help?

CNCS offers a variety of resources that can help tribal government leaders learn about national service and volunteering in their tribal nations and expand the impact of volunteering by members of the tribe:

- Each year, CNCS produces State Profiles that list all national service funding, projects, and participants in every state. To learn more, contact the CNCS Director in your state. A list is here: nationalservice.gov/state-offices.
- CNCS also produces the annual Volunteering and Civic Life in America report, the most comprehensive data on volunteering ever assembled. Visit volunteeringinamerica.gov.

How Can Tribal Leaders Get Involved?

Tribal government leaders are encouraged to hold a public event, issue a proclamation, and use media to highlight the impact of national service. Here are several ways to participate:

- Announce your tribe is becoming an Employer of National Service (nationalservice.gov/employers)
- Issue a proclamation naming April 5, 2016 as Recognition Day for National Service
- Visit national service programs or projects in order to highlight their value to the tribe
- Invite national service programs to a public roundtable to discuss how they address local challenges
- Issue a press release or report on the scope and impact of national service in your tribe
- Serve with a national service program as a “member” for a day to highlight their important work
- Use Twitter, Facebook, and other social media to thank national service members in your community
- Write an op-ed about the unique contributions of national service to your tribe
- Take a group photo with all national service members in your community

Where Can I Learn More?

To learn more or register to participate, go to NationalService.gov/TribalRecognitionDay or contact Tess Mason-Elder, Office of Government Relations, 202-606-6873 or tmason-elder@cns.gov. You can also contact the CNCS Director in your state, whom you can find here: nationalservice.gov/state-offices.

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